

## Message Text

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FM AMCONSUL MONTREAL

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8004

INFO AMEMBASSY OTTAWA IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L MONTREAL 1361

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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS

SUBJ: POST-MORTEM ON TWA HIJACKING

REF: STATE 227327

1. MONTREAL ROLE IN THIS INCIDENT MINIMAL FOR SEVERAL REASONS AND SPECIFIC QUESTIONS THUS LARGELY UNANSWERABLE.

2. FIRST REPORT INDICATED MONTREAL, AIRPORT UNSPECIFIED, TO BE RE-FUELING STOP ONLY, AS PROVED TO BE THE CASE. THIS MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE WHICH AIRPORT APPROPRIATE OFFICER MIGHT GO TO BE ON SPOT AT ARRIVAL FOR CONTINGENCY DISCUSSIONS. TIME FROM BUFFALO TO MONTREAL ALSO MADE THIS UNFEASIBLE, AS MIRABEL (AIRPORT ULTIMATELY SELECTED) MORE THAN ONE HOUR AWAY AND BUFFALO LESS. FINALLY, BASIC RESPONSIBILITY FOR INPUT ON CANADIAN GOVERNMENT RESPONSE SEEMINGLY OTTAWA'S.

3. CONGEN THEREFORE FELT ITSELF ON PERIPHERY AND, IN THIS INSTANCE, PROPERLY SO. NEARNESS OF WASHINGTON/MONTREAL/OTTAWA MADE POSSIBLE DIRECT LINES BETWEEN THOSE CONCERNED AT ALL POINTS, WHICH CLEARLY FASTER AND MORE APT BE PRECISE THAN CONGEN SERVING AS MIDDLEMAN. COMMUNICATIONS WERE SUPERB; WE WERE ALWAYS KEPT INFORMED BOTH BY OPS CENTER AND LOCAL MEDIA AND, IN ABSENCE ANY USEFUL FUNCTIONAL ROLE, THIS SUFFICED.

4. RECOGNIZE THIS SITUATION UNIQUE BECAUSE OF TIMING, PURPOSE OF  
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STOPOVER, AND IMPRECISE EARLY DATA. BELIEVE CONGEN WOULD PLAY

MORE USEFUL ROLE THAN MONITOR IN OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES BUT, FOR  
THIS INCIDENT, FEEL BOTH WASHINGTON AND MONTREAL DID ALL THAT  
WAS APPROPRIATE.  
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